

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 16, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 21-25 were pending in the application. Claims 21, 23 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. New claims 26-30 have been added. Support for new claims 26-28 and 30 can be found at least in FIG. 5 and the accompanying description in the specification. New claim 29 is based on original claim 22. No new matter has been added. Claims 22, 24 and 26-30 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment changes, adds and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 22 and 24. New claims 26-28 and 30 depend from claims 22 and 24, and therefore are likewise allowable. New claim 29 is similar to claim 22, where the terms "reception means" and "control means" from claim 22 have been replaced with "reception section" and "control section", respectively, in claim 29. Nevertheless, claim 29 is also believed to be allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 21, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 21, 23 and 25.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding the application, or if an examiner's

amendment would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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